



Introducing

WildAware!

A Wildlife Awareness Program
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A presentation for the Acton Board of Selectmen



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Wherefore “WildAware?”

...because it's Conservation's job to -

- Manage 1,700 acres of conservation land
- Protect wetlands
- Offer outdoor/nature education
- Purchase open space
- Provide passive recreation
- Work with Land Stewards and Friends of the Acton Arboretum





Therefore, “WildAware!” because...

Citizens contact us asking how to

- ...get rid of (wildlife) “pests” on their property
- ...save a “wounded” wild animal
- ...help a baby owl who fell onto the forest floor
- ...assist a turtle cross the road
- ...hunt or fish lawfully
- ...I.D. remains, live animals or “scat” (poop)





What's the purpose of WildAware ?

To educate the community about the existence and habits of wild creatures with whom we share our natural resources (plants, trees, water and earth).





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Goal:

**Increased community awareness
of shared habitats in order to
protect and conserve our wild
and native brethren.**





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How do we inform people?



- Monthly, educational Beacon and Action Unlimited articles
- A Facebook page linked to other community pages
- Instagram for folks to post local wildlife photos
- ACAT film and local cable channel ads
- Links to ACAT film on Town website
- Notices to AB Regional School principals





"WildAware!"



We're having a bioblitz!

- A community endeavor for a set period of time
- Participants from all over town – map results
- Inventory every wild animal they see
- At homes, schools, conservation lands
- A team of naturalists will also stay out overnight
- Families can camp out at home
- The data can be shared with wildlife organizations





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How do people participate?



- Slow down at wildlife crossings
- Send us wildlife photos for posters in 3 libraries
- Participate in our 17 hour “bioblitz” event in June
- Come to a WildAware party at NARA summer2016!



PLEASE SUPPORT and PARTICIPATE IN WildAware!



Thank you

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